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Streetcar makes move to Elba after years of display in Mobile

The streetcar attained and moved to the City of Elba, through a MainStreet Alabama grant, made it to its new home last Thursday morning, April 17. This new "display" location is between the parking lot and levee behind the Rabbit Hole restaurant in downtown Elba [at the Pea River bridge on Davis Street].

According to Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, the streetcar was built by the Elba Coach

Company in the mid 1890's and was used by the City of Mobile until the early 1900's. It was restored in the 1960's and displayed on the grounds of the Mobile Civic Center until recently, but with plans for a new event complex on the site of the Civic Center, it was losing its home.

A plaque at the display identified it as "Mobile's Last Mule Car".

"The City of Mobile had

pondered renovating and keeping the streetcar but finally decided to give it to the City of Elba if we wanted it," Mayor Maddox said. "Gordon Howard Prescott, a 1957 graduate of Elba High School, living in Stockton, Alabama learned of this and contacted us and helped in the process of getting it moved to Elba."

The Elba Coach Company was formed by Jackson Lafayette "Fate" Prescott who also served as Sheriff of Coffee County from 1884 until around 1892. He started the Elba Coach Company and the J. L. Prescott Livery Stable in 1893. He was also one of the initial stockholders in the Elba Improvement Company Inc. in 1897.

"We are excited to have this piece of history on display in Elba," the mayor said. "We did not have a good place to do renovations, so those will be done with the streetcar in place. If you would like to help with the cost of renovations, please see Sandy Williams at the Chamber of Commerce."

Grant funds being used on this project are administered through the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba MainStreet.



This streetcar built in the 1890's now on display by the levee in downtown Elba after making move from City of Mobile. The streetcar was placed in its resting spot last Thursday morning, April 17, where it will now be renovated for permanent display. Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, right, and Elba MainStreet director Sandy Williams, center, were joined by officials from the Alabama Department of Tourism last Thursday to celebrate the arrival of the streetcar.



Elba business professionals that completed a leadership and management workshop last Wednesday, April 16, held by the SBDC [Small Business Development Center] Network included (from left): Amber Miller, Kim Smith, Beverly Hamilton, and Latisha Hodge. Juliana Bolivar is the center director and lead business advisor for the Alabama SBDC Network - Troy University.

Elba business leaders complete leadership/management workshop hosted by SBDC Network - Troy University

Four Elba business professionals/leaders completed a Leadership and Management For Industry Professionals and Entrepreneurs last Wednesday, April 16, held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. The workshop was hosted and led by the Alabama SBDC [Small Business Development Center] Network - Troy University.

According to Sandy Williams, director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and MainStreet Elba, the participants were nominated to participate after being recognized as rising leaders and dedicated professionals in Elba.

The two-hour workshop focused on foundations of leadership and management; inspiring and executing; and establishing and carrying out process.

With foundations of leadership and management, the discussion revolved around understanding the essential differences between leadership and management while exploring key leadership styles. As for inspiring and executing, the focus was developing skills in emotional intelligence, motivation, and effective delegation to move teams toward shared goals.

Finally, establishing and carrying out process, helped the participants to gain practical strategies for performance management, project planning, and creating sustainable systems of success.

"This was a very good workshop that provided our participants with a wealth of knowledge to use daily in their professional world," Williams said. "We thank the SBDC Network for its partnership and for investing in our community to help it succeed."

Upon completion of the workshop, the participants were each awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Area Happenings

A Youth Basketball Skills Clinic will be held at the Elba High School gymnasium Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Early registration will be from 9-9:20 a.m. This clinic is designed to help youngsters learn the fundamentals of basketball while building interest in the sport. Participants will practice dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and more. Cost is \$20 per child. Call Coach Smith at (334) 470-1904 for more information. All proceeds will be used to support the Elba High School girls basketball team.

The Elba City Council will meet Monday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.



LOOKING FOR THAT GOLDEN EGG! Rawlinn Hudson was ready to hunt for Easter eggs last Saturday, April 19, at the Cline Easter Celebration held in Elba. This event, hosted by the Joel and Anne Cline family, for their church family and friends was a fun-filled event that included an egg hunt, games, crawfish boil, and more. Elba First Baptist pastor Kit Johnson shared the Easter story with the children attending the event. Rawlinn was one of many that had a great time at the event, and his smiles shows it! He is the son of Tanner and Ashlynn Hudson of Elba.



Dan and Pat Presley of Coffee County were named the Volunteers of the Year during the Alabama Farm-City annual awards luncheon held Thursday, April 17, in Auburn. This award annually honors outstanding volunteers who make possible the Farm-City mission of connecting rural and urban dwellers. The Presleys helped found the Coffee County Farm-City Committee and have been involved for more than 50 years. From left are Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms, Pat and Dan Presley and Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation board member Mahlon Richburg.

Local couple, committee earn statewide Farm-City awards

Alabama Farm-City celebrated the multiplying effect of county committees' work in schools and communities during its annual awards luncheon Thursday, April 17, in Auburn, Ala.

The program concluded the yearlong theme "Our Community Counts on Farmers," a nod to the most recent Census of Agriculture.

Over 350 students, county leaders and industry representatives attended the event, held in conjunction with the Alabama Farmers Federation Women's Leadership Conference.

Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms hailed volunteers' work to connect rural and urban dwellers.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of Alabama Farm-City," said Helms, also the Federation Communications Department director. "Their generous gifts of time, talent and creativity have an immeasurable impact on their communities. They understand that it is vital to show citizens of all ages just how important agriculture is to our state. Every year, I'm amazed at their ability to rally around a common cause and cultivate connections with neighbors."

Coffee County was honored for coordinating the Best Farm-City Tour for larger-population counties during the annual awards



Coffee County received the Best Farm-City Tour award for larger-population counties during the Alabama Farm-City award ceremony held last week in Auburn. From left are Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms, Coffee County Farm-City Committee Co-Chair Calen Monroe and AFAF board member Mahlon Richburg.

EDITORIAL

Governor authorizes flags to be flown at half-staff in recognition of death of Pope Francis

In accordance with the on Monday of this week Presidential proclamation, Governor Kaye Ivey authorized flags be flown at half-staff effective immediately on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery and throughout the state of Alabama until the day of interment of Pope Francis, who passed away Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88.

Born in Argentina of Italian immigrant parents, Pope Francis was the first head of the Catholic Church from the Americas. He left a legacy of love and compassion for all. He made history not only for hal-

ing from Latin America, but also for his succession of a living pope, Benedict XVI, the first papal abdication in over 600 years.

As President Trump noted, Pope Francis was a very good man who loved the world. The flags on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex and throughout the state of Alabama may be flown at half-staff from April 21, 2025, until sunset on the day of interment of Pope Francis.

Elba Road Closure Reminder:

The City of Elba notifies motorists that Triple T Construction is expected to begin road repair work Tuesday, April 29, on Highland Drive. The road work is anticipated to be complete by Tuesday, May 6th.

During this time, a portion of the road will be closed from between just beyond the Elba Health and Rehabilitation Center and 1265 Highland Drive.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Taking a drive around town over the past few days, we are convinced the city folks will have their work cut out for them in getting everyone 'on board' with the new rules to the trash ordinance. We drove by several locations where residents have placed trash items for pickup by the roadside after the ordinance went into effect. While we think the intentions behind the changes to the trash pickup ordinance were good, we just don't see it going well. Our biggest concern is that yards will become 'junked up' because folks won't or can't dispose of items properly on their own. When the city was handling the roadside trash pickup - well, at least it was getting picked up even if not as quickly as some would have liked. Now, with the city no longer picking up trash items other than leaves and limbs, we can't help but worry that other things will now just become unattractive 'yard décor' in many places. We expect the enforcement of this to be a full-time job for the sanitation supervisor, which also is the city's code enforcement officer. He definitely has his plate loaded now.

Now, that we have expressed our concerns over the trash pickup ordinance, we wanted to remind everyone of the dumpster the city has located behind the former recycling building (old high school gymnasium) in downtown Elba. This dumpster has been there for a few years now and is an option for proper disposal of trash items. We, personally, have been utilizing it the entire time it has been in place because that kept our items from sitting on the side of the road for weeks at a time waiting to be picked up. This is offered by the city to be utilized at no cost to citizens, and it is a good way to get rid of those trash items that do not qualify for household garbage pickup. Again, even this may not be a feasible way for some to dispose of their trash, especially those without a proper vehicle to transport or those with physical disabilities, but it is something for those of us who are capable to use to help keep things looking nice in our yards and city.

We actually enjoyed looking at Facebook on Sunday. We have concluded the two best days of the year to scroll the social media site are Easter and Christmas. On these days, the majority of the posts have positive messages and show families enjoying time together. The bickering, and complaining posts seem to go away on those two days. If only we could all act in that same manner the other 363 days of the year, just imagine how well improved our attitudes might be daily. Definitely something to think about.

Our dad ran into someone last week that said they had heard The Elba Clipper was going out of business. Dad clarified with the individual that the 'rumor' was incorrect, and we want to assure all our readers our only plan is to keep the newspaper open and running for as long as we are able or our community wants us here! We guess the transition of ownership, and possibly our change in location, may have attributed to this rumor, but it could not be further from the truth. The Elba Clipper has been a community staple for 128 years, and we want it to remain just that. Our desire is to keep the newspaper focused on what makes it successful - the community and its people! As always, we thank you for your continued support!!

Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

The Yonder Gang enjoyed a great Easter! After attending church, Cuzin Lou Lou, Sister, and Papa spent the remainder of the day resting at home.

The highlight of the day was when Sister paid for lunch. After a trip to the local Dollar General to pick up said lunch, Lou Lou enjoyed a meal of hot 'n spicy Vienna sausages with crackers! Now, it may not have been the normal Easter lunch, but it was purchased with love by Sister, and Lou Lou enjoyed every bite.

Sister also ate the gourmet sausages for lunch, but Papa opted to eat leftover breakfast food from his church's sunrise service. Little Bean turned her nose up at all the items, and she held out for a treat instead.

Lou Lou has never been a fan of Vienna sausages, but she has found those hot 'n spicy ones when warmed in the microwave a bit are quite tasty!

Sister did make Lou Lou change clothes before they went to the DG...she was not a fan of Lou Lou's bright Easter dress and hat, and she refused to go to the store with Lou Lou dressed that way.

Even though the gang's Easter lunch may not have seemed appropriate for the

day...things did improve by suppertime!

Lou Lou grilled steaks and cabbage while Sister made a batch of deviled eggs. After adding a slice of key lime pie to the mix for dessert, it was the perfect end to a great day!

All jokes aside, this Easter was a special one for the Yonder Gang because it was spent together. Honoring the resurrection of Jesus was the emphasis of the day, and any day spent celebrating Christ is a day well-spent.

While Lou Lou laughs at the food items the Yonder Gang chose for the day and enjoys picking on Sister about it - what was/is eaten on Easter is irrelevant. Instead, the focus should always be the celebrating the Resurrection. After all, it truly is "Because He Lives That We Can Face Tomorrow!"

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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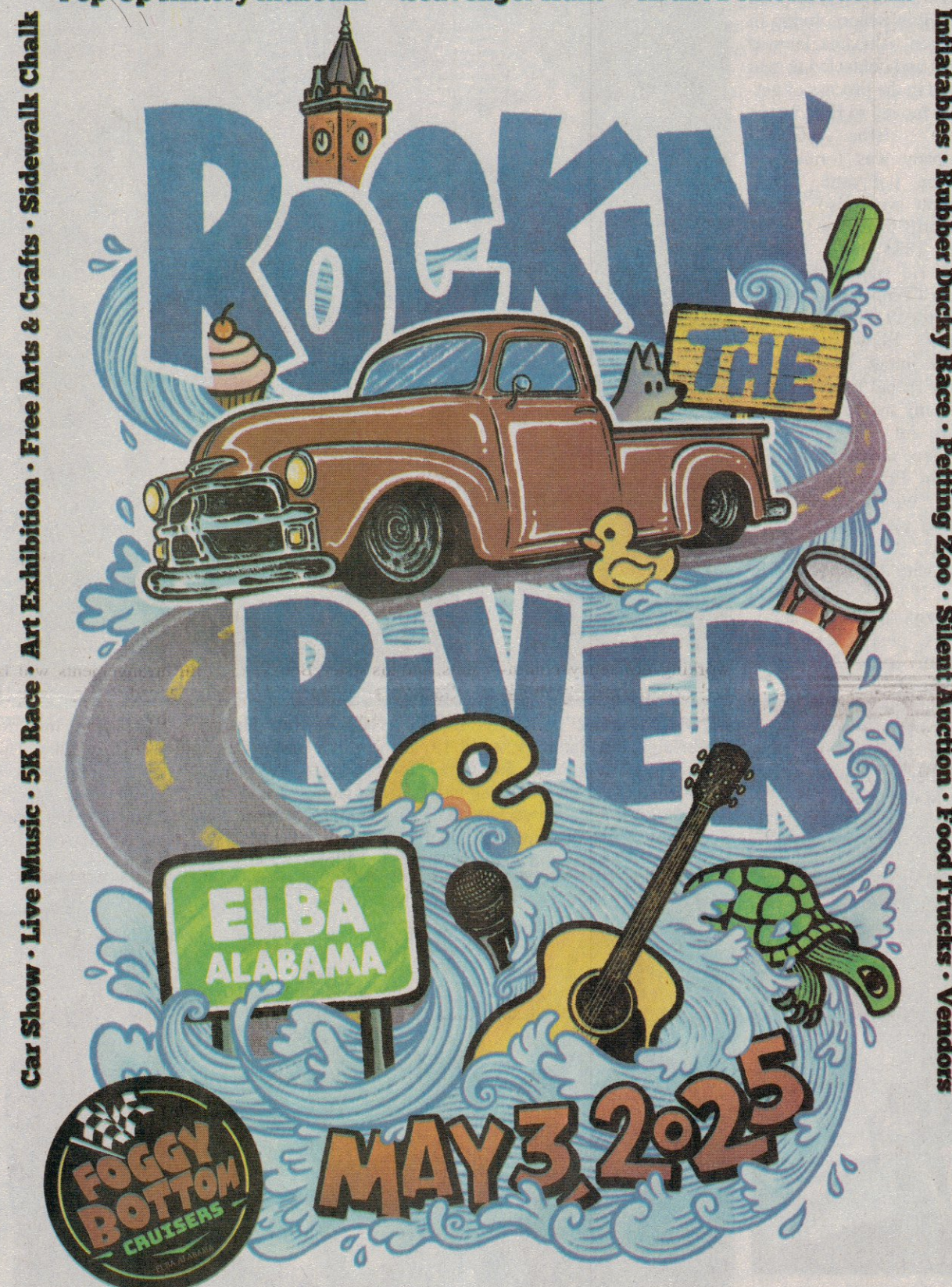
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Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, April 15, 2025, through Monday, April 21, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Apr. 15 – Abandoned vehicle reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (2:37 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at Hwy 203 and Reese Ave (3:17 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (8:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 894 Buford St – w/impound (1:24 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 522 Claxton Ave N – w/arrest (10:01 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 14631 Hwy 84 (10:23 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one verbal warning, and two citations.

Wednesday, Apr. 16 – Animal complaint reported at 429 Plant Ave (12:54 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 522 Claxton Ave N (4:29 p.m.); Trespassing reported in area of Pinecove Dr and Farris Ave (9:13 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr (10:57 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Thursday, Apr. 17 – Reckless driver reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 523 County Rd 354 (10:09 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (7:35 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at Farris Ave and Pinecove Dr (11:16 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 207 Adkinson Ave (11:32 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and two citations.

Friday, Apr. 18 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 118 Old Samson

Rd (5:23 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 22529 Hwy 189 (1:49 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at Hwy 203 and Neil Grantham Dr (3:12 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 809 Reese Ave (3:31 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (8:02 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 402 County Rd 528 (8:14 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 189 and Cty Rd 354 (8:28 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 886 Cedar Lane Dr (9:11 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in one written warning, four verbal warnings, and three citations.

Saturday, Apr. 19 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 331 Putnam St (2:59 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (2:44 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 120 Old Samson Rd – Pea River Bridge boat ramp (7:01 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (7:49 p.m.); Noise complaint reported

in area of Pinecove Dr and Farris Ave (11:32 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Sunday, Apr. 20 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 778 Reese Ave (12:25 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 778 Reese Ave (1:49 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 815 Jackson Ave (4:31 p.m.); Vehicle pursuit reported on Roosevelt Dr – w/citation issued (7:05 p.m.); Burglary reported at 897 County Rd 367 (9:10 p.m.); Rolling domestic disturbance reported on Williams Ave – w/arrest (10:58 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in an arrest.

Monday, Apr. 21 – Domestic disturbance reported at 361 County Rd 349 (1:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Reynolds Ave (11:25 a.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Coffee County Schools to hold Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the Coffee County Schools will be conducted on the following dates:

New Brockton Elementary—Wednesday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Kinston Elementary-- Thursday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Zion Chapel Elementary – Friday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The child should attend registration to participate in various screenings. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1. A child enrolling in a Coffee County School for the first time must present the following documentation prior to enrollment.

1. Proof of age
2. A valid social security number is voluntary
3. Certificate of Immunization for the State of Alabama
4. Proof of residency – (2)

For additional questions concerning kindergarten registration, call the principal or counselor at the child's school.

KINSTON – 565-3027; NEW BROCKTON – 894-6152; ZION CHAPEL – 897-6275

LEGAL NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by DELILAH A. STRICKLAND on February 6, 2020, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1054 Page 330, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on May 15, 2025, during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit:

A parcel of land, containing one-half acre, more or less, in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E, in Geneva County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, 313.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 in Section 13, T1N, R23E, Geneva County, Alabama; thence running West along the Section line a distance of 217.8 feet; thence running South perpendicular to said Section line a distance of 100 feet; thence running East parallel with said Section line a distance of 217.8 feet; thence running North a distance of 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lot or parcel containing one-

half acre including a small part of the roadway and roadway ditch, and lying in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E in Geneva County, Alabama. ALSO, a parcel of land, containing one-tenth acre, more or less, in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E, in Geneva County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at a point 313.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 13, T1N, R23E, Geneva County, Alabama, and 100 feet South of the North line of said forty; thence running West parallel with the North line of said forty 217.8 feet; thence South parallel with the East line of said forty 20 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said forty 217.8 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said forty 20 feet to the Point of Beginning, and lying in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E, in Geneva County, Alabama.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said

mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HARTFORD Mortgagee David F. Holmes DAVID F. HOLMES, P.C. Post Office Box 1180 Slolomb, Alabama 36375 (334) 886-3123 Attorney for Mortgagee 4/24.5/1&8-chg.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

JOHNNY WAYNE CRITTENDEN

Mr. Johnny Wayne Crittenden (John) passed from this life April 15, 2025.

He was the son of H.H. and Esther Crittenden of Gladewater, Texas. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a friend to many.

John was a 1964 graduate of Gladewater High School. He later attended Kilgore College and University of Texas at Tyler. He worked as a student helper at Trailmobile, Inc. in Longview Texas from 1964-66. John served in the U.S. Army for the next two years, part of that time as Military Police. He rejoined Trailmobile, Inc. in 1968 where he was supervisor and general foreman. He joined Dorsey Trailers in Elba, Alabama as Plant Superintendent in 1979. John was promoted to the position of Manager of Manufacturing in 1988. The Elba plant was the flagship plant of Dorsey Trailers, one of the largest over-the-road trailer builders in the country. At the time, they manufactured over 4,500 trailers each year.

John worked in the trailer industry in Illinois, Oklahoma, and Ohio from 1989-1991 until eagerly returning to the Elba community that he loved so much. It was then that he worked with Williams Signs until his retirement. After retiring, he wanted to continue working and joined the Propane Gas Co. and later Ben E. Keith. He earned the Linchpin Award in 2022 and the 12th Man Award in 2023. These honors meant so much to him as hard-working efficiency continued to be top priority for his daily life.

John was a member of the Elba Church of Christ where he served as a deacon and church volunteer for many years. He had a strong bass singing voice. Singing church hymns was a highlight of his week. He also enjoyed the Wednesday morning men's Bible study as it was a favorite time of learning and bonding friendships. He spoke often of the impact that group had on his life.

John was an avid tennis player as a young man and a lifelong fisherman. He could talk with lots of knowledge of boats and fishing techniques. A true passion! He loved cooking and feeding people. His meal preparations were something to see!

Over the years, friends and family were amazed at the number of times John performed life-saving mea-

sures and CPR on people, mostly strangers. He has come upon highway accidents, assisted workplace medical emergencies, and even saved a drowning swimmer. He never hesitated to jump into action. He always seemed to be "at the right place, at the right time." His family always thought the Lord placed him where he was needed.

John's dedication to his family was highly recognized. His devotion and care for his wife, Pam, of 55 years, was special to see. She would say that he made her feel special and gave her a sense of security and happiness from their first date. John's mother, Esther Crittenden, referred to him as her "prince." He made her feel special. His daughters, Stephanie and Cassie, thought of him as their very own Superman. He truly made this world a better place for them. John loved his grandchildren, known to them as "Papa John." He taught his grandson, Woods, how to fish and took him on many fun trips to the Dairy Queen. His granddaughter, Willow Grace, loved going to Burger King for pancakes and wearing the crowns together. She will always remember his big smile, funny jokes, and the way he made her feel so loved. Joke-telling was something John thought he could do quite well. Pam and his daughters would disagree on that! His wife would have to rein him back in from time to time. That was fun to watch.

John truly loved people. If he knew your name and ever talked to you for a bit, he wanted the best for you.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Pamela Morris Crittenden, his parents, and his sister, Becky. Survivors include his daughters, Cassie Crittenden, Stephanie Crittenden Parrish (Greg), granddaughter, Willow Grace Parrish, all of Auburn, grandson, Woods Hollon Parrish of Atlanta, Ga., sister, Laura Holder, brother, James Crittenden, brother/sister-in-law, Perry and Pat Morris Cowan, nieces and nephews, all of Texas.

Thank you to his Elba Church of Christ family and

friends of the Elba community. Thank you to the staff at HCA Florida West Hospital of Pensacola, Southeast Hospital of Dothan, Enterprise Hospital, Elba Emergency Rescue, and the Elba Rehabilitation Center. Your care has been a blessing these past few months.

No service is scheduled at this time. Donations may be made to The Elba Food Bank, P.O. Box 269, Elba, Alabama 36323, In Memory of John Crittenden, who loved to feed people.

CONNIE FONTES

Ms. Connie Fontes, age 65, of Pensacola, Fla., died March 21, 2025, at HCA Florida West Hospital in Pensacola.

Born in San Diego, Calif. to Mary Nell and Henry Collis Hardy, Connie grew up in Oceanside, Calif. Her love for sun and sand stayed with her, and she made the Gulf Coast her home for the majority of her life.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 26, 2025, from the Pine Level Cemetery with her son, Alex Fontes, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her son, Alex Fontes, Pensacola; her brother, Jim Hardy, Milton, Fla.; and her son, Thomas Fontes, San Diego, Calif., as well as many friends.

WAYNE WYROSICK

Mr. Wayne Wyrosick, age 92, affectionally known as "Red" to many, died unexpectedly Monday, April 21, 2025, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.



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Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects movement, balance, and coordination. It is a type of movement disorder that can affect the ability to perform common, daily activities. There are an estimated 1 million Americans living with Parkinson's disease and more than 10 million people worldwide.

It's important to allow yourself to grieve. You may experience grief while your loved one is alive as you watch them struggle and then again after they pass. Grief is a natural and normal response to loss, and it's important to give yourself permission to experience a range of emotions, including sadness, anger, guilt, and loneliness. Don't try to rush the grieving process or push yourself to "get over it" too quickly.

Seek support from others. This might include talking to friends and family members, joining a support group for people who have loved ones with Parkinson's disease, or seeing a therapist. Talking about your feelings and experiences can help you process your grief and find a sense of connection with others who understand what you're going through.

Engaging in self-care activities can also be helpful when coping with grief. This might include exercise, meditation, journaling, or spending time in nature. Taking care of your physical and emotional health can help you feel more grounded and resilient during this difficult time.

It's important to find ways to honor and remember your loved one. This might include creating a memorial or tribute, volunteering for a Parkinson's disease organization, or participating in an activity that your loved one enjoyed. Finding ways to keep your loved one's memory alive can help you feel connected to them and find meaning in your loss.

Losing a loved one to Parkinson's disease can be incredibly painful, but there are strategies for coping with grief that can help. The strategies above can help you begin to navigate this difficult experience and find a sense of peace and healing.

It can be empowering for patients who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease to make their end-of-life wishes known early in the disease progression. This can be done by creating an advance directive and establishing a durable power of attorney to ensure their healthcare wishes are followed and by discussing their funeral arrangements. If you or someone you love would like to get started planning a funeral, please reach out to our funeral home. We are always here to assist you.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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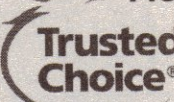
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6:00 p.m. nightly

Evangelist Rev. Ed Shirley
from Trinity Methodist Church, Prattville, AL

Please Join Us!

**What does the Bible say about...
Worship?**

Article written by Douglas Williams



True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24).

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker for He is our God" (Psalm 95:6-7).

"Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth" (Psalm 96:9).

"Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool—He is holy" (Psalm 99:5).

Since God desires that we worship Him, we should learn as best we can what worship is, and then strive to worship in the way that would please God. Of course, we are not perfect and cannot perfectly worship God, but we should do so to the best of our ability.

Worship is defined as "The adoration, homage, or veneration given to God." This involves praise and doing those things the Bible teaches we are to do in our worship that will glorify

God. The Bible tells us that worship is singing, praying, teaching, giving, and observing the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day. In addition to public worship, we can worship God privately by singing, praying, and teaching God's word. But in corporate worship as we assemble together we are to give and observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 20:7).

Other words that describe worship include reverence, honor, adore, revere, magnify, devotion, admiration, serve. Worship is a pious, religious observance of showing the greatness of God as we figuratively bow down or do obeisance to God.

The Bible speaks of vain, ignorant, and will worship that is not acceptable to God (Matthew 15:8-9; Acts 17:23,30; Colossians 2:23). We must worship the true God of heaven in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).

A song states, "O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love."

**Cemetery meeting
set for May 10th at
Antioch Cemetery**

Friends of Antioch Cemetery will host the annual meeting for the Antioch Cemetery, located on Coffee County Road 306 in the Glenwood community, on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 10 a.m.

All interested in the upkeep of this cemetery are asked to attend the meeting.

**Share Your
Church News
in The Elba
Clipper!**



On Friday, April 11, seniors from the New Hope Senior Center visited the Zion Chapel Senior Center to attend a health fair. Snacks were served, bingo games, and door prize won. Special thanks to Pat Hodge and her wonderful center for their love and support. Also a special thanks to all of the vendors that participated. New Hope Senior Center will host a spring fling/health fair Friday, April 25, at 10 a.m. Theme for this event is "That's so 70's" and a prize will be given for the best costume.



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Scripture:
13:20-21

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**Thinking of you! Praying
for you!**

Beatrice Belcher, Vincent Smith, Larry Rogers, Bobby Ordon, Shane Williams, Bereaved Families, Georgia Nelson, Gladys Deeds

devil's way was a wrong as sin can be. It was not by yielding to the devil, but by fulfilling the father's plan and purpose that Jesus would lead the peoples of this world to honor him and his father accomplishments are important, but so is the method. -T.T.

April Birthdays/Anniversaries
Kimberly Cooks Ruffin 4/13
Emmitte/Debbie Bright 4/13 W.A.

Donta Tillis 4/13
Apprasia Edwards 4/15
Wesley J. Kelley 4/16
Martarius Gray 4/16
Bessie T. Williams 4/18
Shakeitha Edwards 4/18
Trey Belcher 4/19
Kathryn Cole Daniels 4/20
Dorothy Richardson 4/21
Ron Hill 4/24
Collin Harrison 4/26

**Question/Answer Section
Q/A for the week of 4-24-2025**

Use your concordance to answer the questions

(Q) Where did the man with the unclean spirit live?
(A) Among the tombs - Mark 5:3

(Q) What was the only extra item the disciples were allowed to take on their preaching trip?

(A) A staff - Mark 6:8
(Q) Which of the Ten Commandments did Jesus accuse the Pharisees and Scribes of rejecting by means of their tradition?
(A) Honor thy father and thy mother - Mark 7:10

Thought to Remember

With the Holy Spirit helping me, I can do right today.

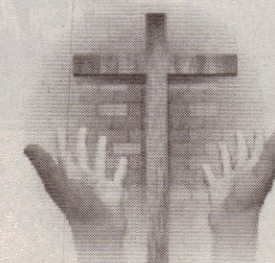
Questions for the week of 5-1-2025

Use your concordance to answer the questions

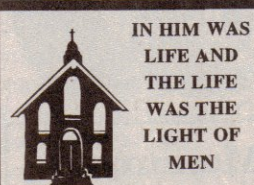
(Q) Between the sixth and the ninth hour of the day of the crucifixion, what unusual phenomenon occurred?

(Q) For what reason did the Scribes and Pharisees criticize Jesus' disciples?

Today is a good day! Be grateful!
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Sunday Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA METHODIST
CHURCH**
Nathan Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lorell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Bookout, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA METHODIST
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Nathan Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
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**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
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Glenwood, AL**
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Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

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**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School . . . 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even . . . 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
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Community Easter Fun in Photos



Elba First Baptist pastor Kit Johnson shares the Easter Story with children in attendance at the Cline Easter Celebration hosted by Joel and Anne Cline and family.



Parrish Grantham, Olivia and Asher Bradley, and Byrdie Forbes enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt and activities held Saturday, April 29, at Elba Methodist Church. This event was hosted by Elba Methodist Church and Westside Baptist Church.

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Little Miss Elba London Grantham wasn't quite sure about the crawfish enjoyed by those attending the Cline Easter Celebration last Saturday, April 19, in Elba. The Cline's attend Elba First Baptist Church, and many church members were in attendance for the event.



The Spence family - Greg and Anna with sons Sam and Stone - enjoyed a photo with the Easter Bunny at last Saturday's egg hunt held at Elba Methodist Church.

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Elizabeth James hunting eggs at the Cline Easter Celebration.

Mother's Day "Special" for the May 8th Edition of The Elba Clipper...

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[See examples below from our staff]

Deadline is Monday, May 5th to get us your photo, greetings message and payment! We accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

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Let's Have Some Fun Celebrating Our Moms!

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Happy Mother's Day to the Best of the Best

Happy Mother's Day to the best mom in the world! Pearl Hedge!

You are always in our hearts! Linda and Lashia



Happy Mother's Day to the best mom in the world! Thanks for always being my biggest supporter! I Love You So Much! Renee



Worried about severe weather?

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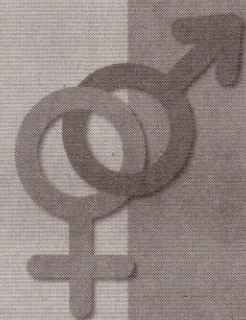
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS EUGENE COLLINS, (Deceased).
CASE NO: 25-0048**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR** LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned Personal Representative on the 1st day of April, 2025, by the Hon. Toby Seay, Judge of Probate for Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ David Collins
David Collins – Petitioner
/s/ Ray T. Kennington
Ray T. Kennington (KEN010)
Attorney at Law
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Ozark, AL 36361
334-445-1200
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4/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of: PATRICIA ILENE HOLLOWAY, Deceased.
Case No.: 25-0055**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Teresea Hutcheson, as Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Ilene Holloway, Deceased, on the 1st day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this 1st day of April, 2025./s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate
ATTY: David A. Jones
PO Box 536
Dothan, AL 36302
334-794-2889
4/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Mary Ellen Simmons, Deceased.
Case No. 25-0059**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Andrew Allen Simmons, Personal Representative, on the 3rd day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred./s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate
Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
4/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARSHA SELMA ROSENBERG LEVINE, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC-25-010**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted on April 8, 2025, to Janice Bell Executrix of the Estate of Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine, who departed this life on the 6th day of December, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Janice Bell
Janice Bell, Executrix of the

given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeffery D. Hatcher
Jeffery D. Hatcher, Administrator
Jeffery D. Hatcher
Administrator for the Estate of Willie Jeanette Monk
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Geneva, Alabama 36340
334-684-8524
4/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of: JAMES HAROLD HOLLOWAY, Deceased.
Case No.: 25-0054**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Teresea Hutcheson, as Administrator of the Estate of James Harold Holloway, Deceased, on the 1st day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this 1st day of April, 2025./s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate
ATTY: David A. Jones
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4/10, 17 & 24-pd

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4/17, 24-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF PATSY ANN MYERS HANKS, Deceased.
CASE NO: PR-2025-039

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of April 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 7th day of April 2025./s/ Jackqueline Chauncey
Personal Representative
4/17, 24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARSHA SELMA ROSENBERG LEVINE, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC-25-010

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of April 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 1st day of April 2025.
/s/ Cynthia Harris
Personal RepresentativeEstate of
Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine,
Deceased
4/17, 24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERA MOON, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-062TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Samie Moon and Tiffany Moon, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Vera Moon, deceased, on the 9th day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee Thompson
Judge of Probate
4/17, 24 & 5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MYRTICE ZUKOSKI, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-045TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Mary Mauldin, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Myrtice Zukoski, deceased, on the 16th day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
4/24, 5/1 & 8-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of RAE NELL SMITH MOORE, Deceased.
Case No. PR-2025-055

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Joshua D. Moore as Administrator of the Estate of Rae Nell Smith., deceased, on the 16th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Joshua D. Moore
Joshua D. Moore
4/24, 5/1 & 8-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF RACHEL MOORE LINDSEY, Deceased.
CASE NO: PR-2025-059

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of April 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 1st day of April 2025.
/s/ Cynthia Harris
Personal Representative/s/ Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Estate
4/10, 17 & 24-pd

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF ANDREW MARTINEZ DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PR-2025-053

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 2nd day of April, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Mark Martinez, Personal Representative
4/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of RUTH EVELYN LUNSFORD, Deceased.

Case No. 25-0056

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Sharon Bowden, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth Evelyn Lunsford, who departed from this life on the 11th day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Sharon Bowden
Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth Evelyn Lunsford, deceased.
Attorney for the Estate:
David W. Rousseau, Esq.
Rousseau Law Firm
Post Office Box 10
801 W. Main Suite 4
Hartford, AL 36344
(334) 588-3333
(334) 588-0046 (fax)
4/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY L. BRABHAM DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2025-061

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DOROTHY L. BRABHAM, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Wava Jaurita White
WAVA JAURITA WHITE
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate
/s/ Janis B. Kelley
JANIS B. KELLEY
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. OWENS JR., DECEASED,

DANIELLE M. OWENS, PETITIONER.

CASE NO. 25-0033

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of William B. Owens Jr., deceased, having been

granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of April, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Danielle M. Owens
Danielle M. Owens
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES RALPH PAUL, JR. DECEASED.

CASE NO.: 2025-0026

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Sarah Paul Owen, on the 8th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Nubie Ivenell Chapman, Deceased

Case No. 2025-0060

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Reba Sharon Newell and Pamela Marie Calhoun, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 8th day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARION RAY GILLEY, SR., DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2025-0061

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Marion Ray Gilley, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marion Ray Gilley, Sr., deceased, on the 8th day of April, 2025, by the Toby Seay, Geneva County Probate Judge. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Marion Ray Gilley Jr.
Marion Ray Gilley, Jr.
Personal Representative
/s/ Tilden J. Haywood,
Tilden J. Haywood
Attorney for the Estate
4/17,24&5/1-pd

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the in-

debtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Christopher Motley and Pamela Motley to the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, k/n/a the Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States Government dated May 16, 2019, and Recorded in OF-FREC Book 1027, Page 225 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the May 16, 2025, at the front door of the Courthouse of Geneva County, Alabama, the following described real property in the County of Geneva, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF SLOCOMB, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF GENEVA COUNTY ROAD NO. 49, 211.52 FEET IN A DIRECTION OF N 30DEGREES -25 MINUTES -56 SECONDS E FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T1N, R25E AND THENCE CONTINUING N 30 DEGREES -25 MINUTES -56 SECONDS E ALONG SAID ROAD, 78.68 FEET; THENCE N 37 DEGREES -22 MINUTES -07 SECONDS E ALONG SAID ROAD, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 859.16 FEET TO THE WEST SIDE OF FARM ROAD; THENCE S 18 DEGREES -14 MINUTES -49 SECONDS E ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF FARM ROAD, 773.80 FEET; THENCE S 88 DEGREES -52 MINUTES -36 SECONDS W, 803.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T1N, R25E AND CONTAINING 7.06 ACRES.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee. Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States

Government
Mortgagee
William McFadden
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
4/17,24,5/1&8-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEVEN AUSTIN Plaintiff,
V.
LLOYD G. STINSON, LANCE STINSON, FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS, and LANDS KNOWN AS GENEVA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 18-09-30-4-003-002-000 WHOSE ADDRESS IS EAST RIVERSIDE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA 36340, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 34-CV-2025-900029.00

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LLOYD G. STINSON AND LANCE STINSON, LANDS IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL # 13-06-24-2-000-052.001, and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS who claim an interest in the subject property known as PARCEL # 18-09-30-4-003-002-000#0 A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING BETTER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH BANK OF PEA RIVER AND THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE BANK OF PEA RIVER 1,345 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY 830 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG EAST RIVERSIDE AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 1,190 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1,205 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF FRACTIONS E AND F, SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, THE LAST DEED OF RECORD IS OR BOOK 401, PAGE 009, whose identities or present whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title of Steven Austin in the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama, and other relief on or before June 9, 2025, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No.: CV-2025-900029.00, Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

/s/ Ashley A. Powell
CIRCUIT CLERK

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, AL 36340
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4/17,24,5/1&8-chg

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by ANNA NELSON AKA ANNA HARRISON, A MARRIED WOMAN AND DEREK RANDALL HARRISON, HER NON BORROWING SPOUSE, to ALL IN CREDIT UNION on JUNE 22, 2020, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, at OFFREC 884 PAGE 95, the undersigned ALL IN CREDIT UNION, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of COFFEE County,

at ENTERPRISE, Alabama, on MAY 15, 2025, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST COLLEGE EXTENSION WHICH SAID POINT IS EAST LINE OF THE JAMES E. WEEKS PROPERTY LINE. WHICH LINE IS 320 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF NW1/4 OF NW1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 4, RANGE 22 AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES, 0.2 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID JAMES W. WEEKS PROPERTY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES AND 55 MINUTES EAST AND PARALLEL TO COLLEGE STREET EXTENSION FOR A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 0.2 MINUTES AND PARALLEL TO SAID JAMES E. WEEKS PROPERTY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST COLLEGE STREET EXTENSION THENCE RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST COLLEGE EXTENSION FOR A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET AND TO POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS BEING THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GRANTORS HEREIN AS SHOWN IN DEED BOOK 62, PAGE 453 IN THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF PROBATE IN ENTERPRISE

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NOTICE OF FILING OF

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TO: DOMINGO MORA GARZA

By virtue of an *Order* of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, made on 9th day of April, 2025 and it appearing by such *Order* that personal service upon you could not be made because your whereabouts are unknown to the Plaintiff, Melanie Vega Garza, you are hereby notified as follows:

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson Cannon attended an 'egg drop' last weekend in Enterprise and while he got a little excited watching the helicopter hover over the drop site, he wasn't as excited about all the kids present and the mad dash that took place when it was time to pick up the eggs. Ah yes, there is nothing like a quiet egg hunt in your own backyard and finding the golden egg to make it a day to remember.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers ended their season** with a four-game winning streak and posted a final record of 8-14 last week with an exciting one-run win over Pleasant Home, in a game in which the Tigers once trailed by ten runs. Anytime you don't make the playoffs it is a disappointing season, but to bounce back from a streak of ten losses in an eleven game stretch to win the final four games is a credit to the players and coaches. This Elba team included only two seniors and late in the season had to pull up a handful junior varsity players. However, it never threw in the towel and make us all excited about what the future may hold for the team in black and gold.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers continued** their recent struggles with a 16-1 area loss and after losing their last three games by a combined score of 49-12 won't exactly be a team that gets a lot of attention heading into the area tournament. However, the Lady Tigers are much better than their record indicates and don't be surprised of the girls from Tiger Town show up and show out next week when the playoffs begin. This group of girls has too much talent to go down without a fight and I just can't get over the feeling they will surprise their area foes and make lots of noise.

*** **The high school baseball season ended** for all the teams in the area except one last week, with the Brantley Bulldogs moving on to second round action this weekend. The (16-2) Bulldogs did continue their style of needing a wake-up call before playing their best, but they got it done when they had to and are still in hunt of a state title. Kinston (11-7) threw a scare into their highly-ranked neighbors in a one-run loss in game one and showed everyone in attendance that this young pack of Bulldogs is building for a future run in the 1A ranks. Zion Chapel (13-13) ran into a fired up squad over in Cottonwood and saw its season end, but the Rebels continued to be a solid team in all areas and have built a winning attitude and a winning program that should be around for a long time. New Brockton (15-12) made the long trip to Satsuma and came back home after two straight losses, and while the Gamecocks didn't play their best against a quality opponent, they fought for every inning and again made it clear that their baseball program is as solid as any in the state, even in the 4A ranks. It was quite a season on the baseball diamond, and only got the area fans even more excited about the world's favorite sport.

*** **The high school softball season will head** into the first round of the post-season this weekend with the start of area tournaments and it looks like the fun and excitement is far from over for the players and fans. Kinston is a solid favorite to add a tournament title to its regular season crown and move on to the region tourney, while Brantley will be hard to beat on its homefield and has to be an easy pick to move on, Zion Chapel is capable of beating any team regardless of class on any given day and is a very dangerous team heading into tourney action, and New Brockton has only gotten better and better late in the season and could just pull off a surprise, or two. I know the area tournaments have some strange game times that prevent a lot of fans from attending the games. However, if you can make it to a game I guarantee you it will be fun to watch.

*** **In closing.... The world of NIL** may not have officially made it to Alabama yet, but it is closing in and last week a standout player at state football power Thompson reportedly turned down a \$750,000 offer to head out of state to continue his career. The player in question will only be a sophomore next season, but at 6'3", 231, had apparently already drawn the attention of national recruiting services and received the offer. Thompson's highly-recruited quarterback of the last two years has also turned down a seven-figure NIL deal, making the team's roster. The world she is a changing!

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Close season with 4 straight wins

Tigers rally to shock Eagles 15-14

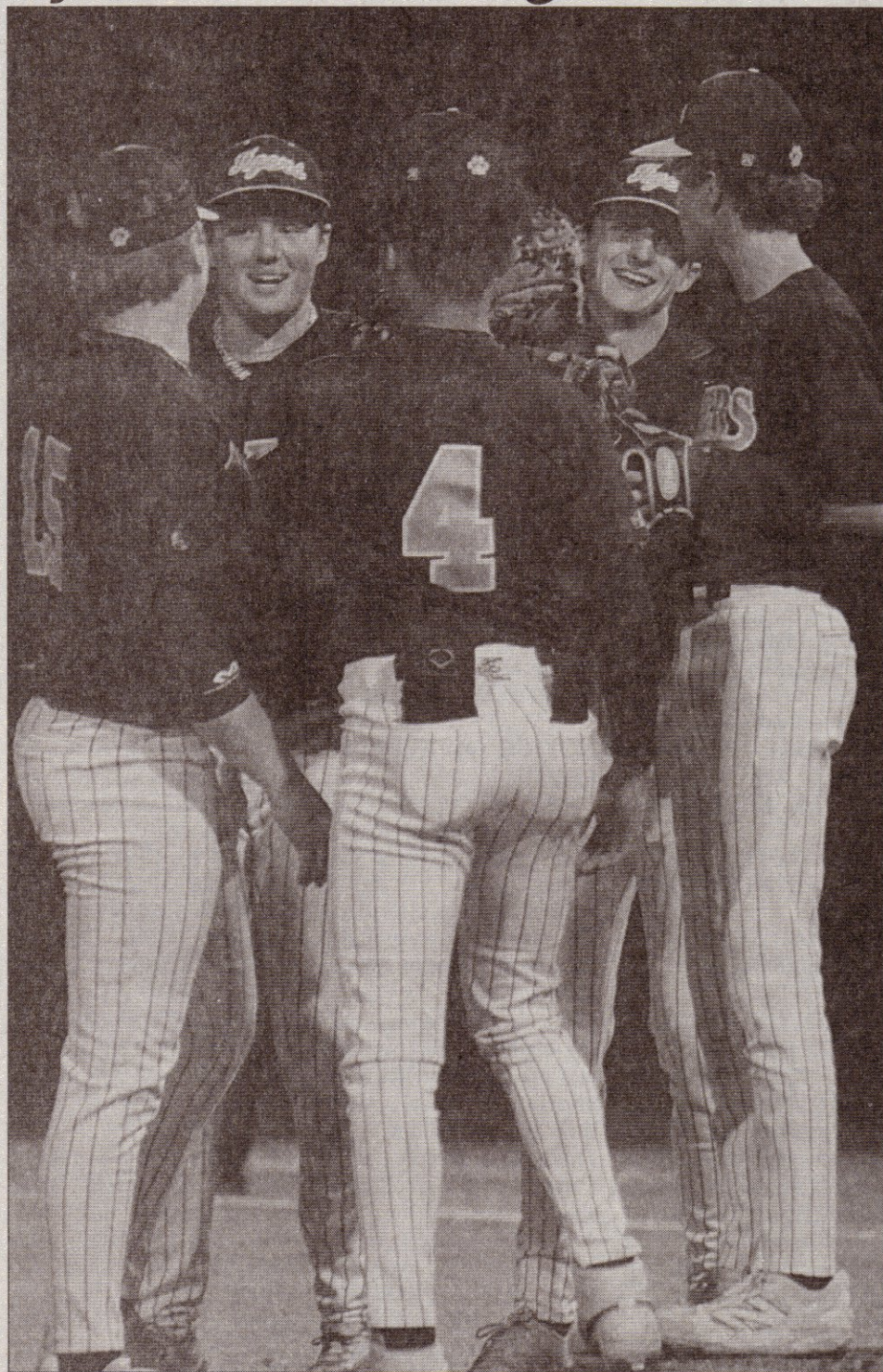
The Elba Tigers rallied from a 10-run fifth inning deficit to claim a wild 15-14 win over Pleasant Home, last Tuesday afternoon at home, to close out the season with four straight wins.

Pleasant Home combined two hits with an Elba error to jump out to a 3-0 first inning lead, but a sacrifice fly by Powell Bane in the bottom of the inning pulled the Tigers within 3-1, and after Hakeem Scott added an rbi double in the second and Bane had a leadoff single in the third and later scored on a bases-loaded walk, Elba had pulled even at 3-3.

Pleasant Home used three hits and a walk to plate three runs in the fourth to regain the lead at 6-3, and then in the fifth combined two hits with four walks and two Elba errors to add seven runs to open up a 13-3 advantage.

Elba was only three outs away from a loss due to the ten-run rule. However, the Tigers came roaring back in the bottom of the fifth and used a two-out rbi single by Jay Wilson, a two-run single by Powell Bane as well as two walks and two hit batters to score five runs to stay alive and pull within 13-8.

Pleasant Home pushed its lead to 14-8 in the top of the sixth, but Elba again staged a rally and this time saw seven Tigers cross the plate as Elba moved ahead 15-14. Hakeem Scott was hit by a pitch to open the inning, while a walk to Jaden Baker and a single by Jay Wilson loaded the bases with one out. Earl Tolentino, who had reached on a fielder's choice, scored on a ground out, but Easton McKelvy came through with an rbi single, Matthew McCart delivered a two-run single, and Macon Hughes added



Elba Tigers showed excitement and enthusiasm last week after rallying late to outscore Pleasant Home 15-14. (Amanda Clark photo)

an rbi single to spark the late rally as the Tigers came from 10 runs back to post the 15-14 win.

Powell Bane had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Jay Wilson added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Earl

Tolentino added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Matthew McCart added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Easton McKelvy added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Brady Johnson, Macon Hughes and Hakeem Scott all added 1 hit, scored 1 run

and had 1 rbi. Powell Bane was the winning pitcher, in relief, as he tossed two innings and allowed no earned runs, while Jay Wilson, Brady Johnson and Easton McKelvy combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits and six walks.

Continue area struggles

Lady Tigers blasted by Brantley 16-1 in area finale

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out area play Wednesday afternoon with a 16-1 homefield loss to the Brantley Lady Bulldogs.

Brantley made the first trip to the plate in the first inning and combined six hits with three walks and two Elba errors to jump out to an early 11-0 lead. Coco Stamps had an rbi single to start the early uprising, while Lynley Taylor added a two-run single, Kennedy Baggett added an rbi single and Savannah Nichols drove in two runs with a double to centerfield as the Lady Bulldogs wasted no time taking command.

Kaleigh Russell led off the bottom of the inning with a walk, went all the way to third on a bunt single by Hillary Hudson and scored on a fielder's choice to out the Lady Tigers on the board.

Brantley went three up and three down in the top of the second, but was still on top 11-1 when it came back to the plate in the third and scored five run to open up a 16-1 advantage. Coco Stamps drew a one-out walk and later scored on a passed ball to start the scoring for the Lady Bulldogs, while Savannah Nichols added an rbi single, Campbell Hawthorne

added an rbi single, and Brantley took advantage of four walks and one error to stretch its lead to 16-1, which was the final score in the area contest.

Hillary Hudson had 1 hit and Kaleigh Russell scored 1 run and drew a walk to lead Elba, while Payton Parks also reached on a walk. Mary B. O'Neal and Ayrika Caldwell combined to pitch three innings and allowed six earned runs on eight hits and seven walks.

Savannah Nichols had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Kennedy Baggett added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Coco Stamps added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Lynley Taylor added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 1 run and n had 2 rbi's; and, Adalida Latham added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Alex Grimes pitched a three-inning one-hitter with six strikeouts.



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Elba Lady Tiger Kaleigh Russell gets a running lead off second base and heads for third in recent high school softball action.

Lady Tigers outscored 23-8 in homefield loss to Samson

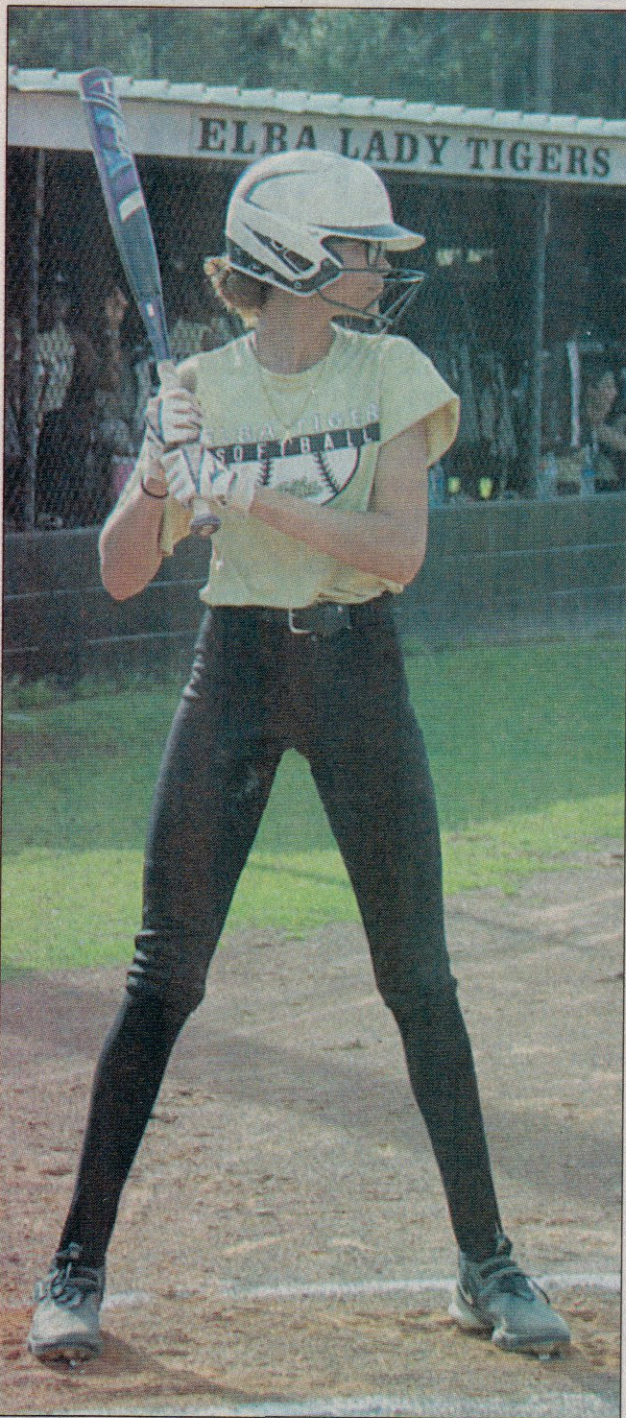
The Elba Lady Tigers continued their recent softball struggles last Tuesday afternoon with a 23-8 homefield loss to Samson.

Elba took advantage of two walks and a Samson error to enter the second inning tied at 1-1, but lost control in the top of he second as Samson combined two hits with five walks, four hit batters and two Elba errors to plate 12 runs to open up a shocking 13-1 advantage. The Lady Tigers used a two-run double by Hillary Hudson to cut the Samson lead to 13-5 in the bottom of the inning. However, Samson combined one hit with four walks and two more Elba errors in the fourth to extend its lead to 17-5.

A single by Payton Parks and two Samson errors helped Elba plate two runs in the bottom of the fourth to sneak within 17-7, but Samson again lit up the scoreboard in the sixth as it combined two hits with four more walks to open up a 23-7 lead and easily held on to hand the Lady Tigers the 23-8 defeat.

Kaleigh Russell had 1 hit, scored 4 runs, had 2 rbi's and stole 5 bases to lead Elba, while Hillary Hudson added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, A'Lyric Whitfield added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Payton Parks added 1 hit, and Ana Caldwell, Mary B. O'Neal and Sinia Smedley all scored 1 run. Hudson and Whitfield combined to pitch five innings and allowed 11 earned runs on seven hits and 15 walks.

SPORTS NEWS



Elba Lady Tiger Ana Caldwell stands tall at the plate awaiting a pitch during a recent high school softball game. Caldwell will lead the Lady Tigers into the area tournament next week in Brantley.



Kinston Lady Bulldog coach Andy Norris and Taylor McKinney (9) have their eyes on the plate in a recent win. Kinston won the regular season area title with a big 16-0 win over Florala.

(Photo by Kaley Jean photography)

Kinston and Brantley ranked 4th and 5th in final prep softball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its final polls of the season in high school baseball and softball, with the Brantley Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs both ranked fifth in the statewide poll, while the Kinston Lady Bulldogs closed out regular season play ranked fourth.

The 'Top 3' teams in the state rankings in each classification, along with area teams in the polls, included: (7A) 1. Hewitt-Trussville, 2. Bob Jones, 3. Enterprise. (6A) 1. Hartselle, 2. Mountain Brook, 3. Chelsea. (5A) 1. Springville, 2. American Christian, 3. Madison Academy (9) Headland. (4A) 1. Oak Grove, 2. Opp, 3. Etowah. (3A) 1. Prattville Christian, 2. Glenwood, 3. Winfield. (2A) 1. Vincent, 2. G.W. Long, 3. Arton (8) Cottonwood. (1A) 1. Appalachian, 2. Hackleburg, 3. Addison (5) Brantley, (8) Florala.

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High School SCOREBOOK

Statistics from GameChanger

SOFTBALL:

Kinston 15 Charles Henderson 0 – The Lady Bulldogs made it look easy as they combined 10 hits with seven walks to rout Charles Henderson 15-0. Lauren Norris had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Allyx Williamson had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's; Lilli Sumblin added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Camdyn Norris added 1 hit and 4 rbi's; and, Brynne Kelley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Lauren Norris pitched a three-inning, one-hit shutout with six strikeouts.

Luverne 3 Zion Chapel 1 – The Lady Rebels saw an early 1-0 lead slip away in a 3-1 loss to Luverne. Riley Bannin had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Alyssa Forehand added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Shea Wambles added 1 hit. Sydney Boothe pitched six innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, with seven strikeouts.

Brantley 9 Red Level 0 – The Lady Bulldogs used a 6-run fourth inning to take command in a 9-0 win over Red Level. Kennedy Baggett had 3 hits and 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Marley Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Emma Crawley added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Grimes pitched seven innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, while striking out 13.

Kinston 16 Florala 0 – The Lady Bulldogs scored in every inning in an impressive 16-0 win over Florala. Brynne Kelley had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Maddie Williamson added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Madisyn Jones added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Lilli Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Sumblin pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, with 11 strikeouts.

Brantley 11 McKenzie 0 – The Lady Bulldogs scored 3 runs in both the first and second innings to take command and rolled to an 11-0 win over McKenzie. Alex Grimes had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Marley Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Coco Stamps added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Savannah Nichols added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Grimes pitched a seven-inning, one-hit, shutout with 16 strikeouts.

Kinston 16 Pleasant Home 1 – The Lady Bulldogs took command early and never looked back in a 16-1 win over Pleasant Home. Allyx Williamson had 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Lauren Norris added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Madisyn Jones added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Maddie Williamson added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Adelyn Jarrell pitched a four-inning two-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

Kinston 15 Ponce de Leon 0 – The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 10-0 second inning lead and coasted in with a 15-0 win over Pone de Leon. Allyx Williamson had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Maddie Williamson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Lyla Bruce added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Lauren Norris also belted a home-run. Lilli Sumblin pitched a four-inning two-hit shutout with seven strikeouts.

BASEBALL:

New Brockton 14 Northside Methodist 10 – The Gamecocks rallied from an early 5-0 deficit to outscore Northside Methodist. Gavin Hand had 4 hits and scored 4 runs to lead New Brockton, while Hayden Pope added 3 hits and 3 rbi's; Landin Norris added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's; and, Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Five Gamecock pitchers combined to pitch five innings and allowed seven earned runs on one hit and eight walks, while striking out six.



New Brockton Gamecock first-baseman Josh LaCross reached for a throw from the pitcher on a pickoff attempt as the baserunner dives back to the base.

(Amanda Clark photo)

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HOME-RUN HITTERS - Kinston Lady Bulldogs Layla Bruce and Lauren Norris both hit home-runs last week in a 15-0 win over Pince de Leon.

(Photo by Kaley Jead Photography)

Elba Parks & Recreation

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24

(Tee-Ball)
6:00 - Elba vs. Elba
(6:00)
(Six and Under
Co-Ed)

New Brockton at Elba
(6:00)

(Girls 8U Softball)
Elba at Luverne (5:45)
(Girls 10U Softball)
Elba at Luverne (5:45)
(Girls 12U Softball)
Elba at Luverne 2
(7:00)

(Boys 8U Baseball)
Elba at Zion Chapel
6:00
(Boys 10U Baseball)
Elba at New Brockton
(7:30)

(Boys 12U Baseball)
Elba at Arton DH
(6:00)

Friday, April 25

(Six and Under
Co-Ed)

New Brockton at Elba
(6:00)
(Boys 12U Baseball)
Elba at Luverne (7:00)

Monday, April 28

(Girls 8U Softball)
Elba at Luverne (5:45)
(Girls 12U Softball)
Elba at Luverne (5:45)
(Boys 8U Baseball)
Elba at New Brockton
(6:00)
(Boys 10U Baseball)
Elba at New Brockton
(7:30)
(Boys 12U Baseball)
Elba at New Brockton
DH (6:00)

Tuesday, April 29

(Girls 12U Softball)
Elba at New Brockton
(6:00)
(Boys 10U Baseball)
Elba at Kinston DH
(6:00)

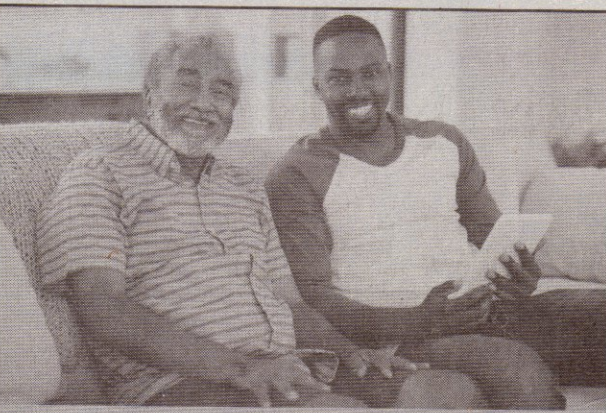
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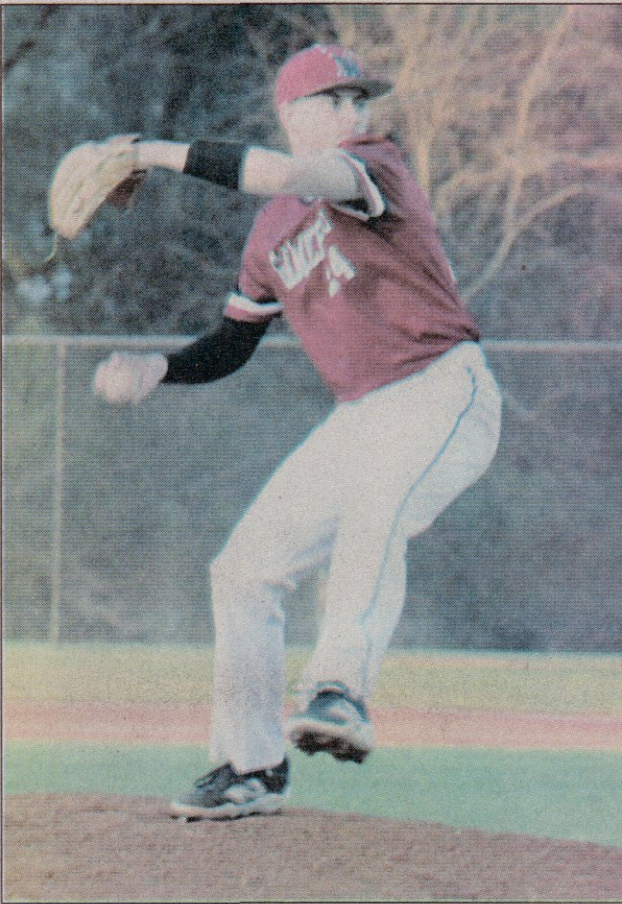
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New Brockton Gamecock Jacob Fisher delivers a pitch to the plate. Fisher pitched a complete game in last week's game two series loss. (Amanda Clark photo)



Zion Chapel Rebel Wes Watson frames a pitch on the outside corner of the plate in recent prep baseball action. (Amanda Clark photo)



Brantley Bulldog baserunner gets a big lead. The Bulldogs will compete in second round playoff action this weekend against University Charter. (Amanda Clark photo)



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Zion Chapel Rebels swept in 2A playoff series

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their tournament trail hit a dead end in the opening round of the Class 2A playoffs as they suffered a 7-1, 3-0 doubleheader loss to the Cottonwood Bears, in Cottonwood. The Rebels closed the season with a 13-13 record, while the Bears will advance into the second round with a 19-6 record.

In game one, the Rebels saw an early 1-0 lead slip away in a 7-1 road playoff loss to the Cottonwood Bears. Zion Chapel jumped on top 1-0 in the top of the first when John Foster Hamm was hit by a pitch and later scored on a single by Dylan Davis, but failed to get back to the plate and dropped the opener. Davis had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Kavan Brown added 1 hit, and Hamm pitched seven innings and allowed four earned runs on seven hits.

In the second game of the twin bill, the Rebels failed to hang a run on the scoreboard in an intense 3-0 loss. Zion Chapel failed to score in the third after putting runners on second and third with two outs after a double by Joseph LeGear and a walk to John Foster Hamm, and while the Rebels added base runners in the fifth and seventh innings on hits by Tyler Bass and Gunner Jacobs, they could never get a runner across the plate and saw their season come to an end. Dylan Davis, Gunner Jacobs, Tyler Bass and Joseph LeGear all had 1 hit to lead Zion Chapel, while Davis and Brady Flowers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits.

New Brockton swept in 4A playoff series

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Satsuma last Friday afternoon in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs and saw their season end with a 7-2, 6-2 doubleheader loss to the Gators. The Gamecocks ended the season with a 15-12 record, while the Gators will advance into second round action with a 20-10 record.

In game one, the Gamecocks watched an early 2-0 lead vanish in a 7-2 road playoff loss to Satsuma. New Brockton jumped ahead 1-0 in the first when James Downing singled and later stole home, and the upped its lead to 2-0 in the second on an rbi single by Payton McLaughlin. However, the Gamecocks were not able to add to their run total and suffered the opening game loss. Downing had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Landin Norris added 2 hits, McLaughlin added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Gavin Wood pitched six innings and allowed two earned runs on 10 hits.

In game two of the best-of-three series, the Gamecocks fell behind 5-0 in the top of the fourth after a scoreless battle for three innings and never caught up in a 6-2 loss. New Brockton out two men on base in the third after a pair of two-out singles by Payton McLaughlin and Hayden Pope, but failed to get on the scoreboard and then watched as Satsuma combined three hits with two walks and two errors to plate five runs in the fourth. An rbi single by Jacob Fisher sparked a 2-run rally in the bottom of the inning. However, the Gamecocks managed only two more base runners in the game and saw their season end with the 6-2 loss. Will Adkison had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Hayden Pope, Jacob Fisher and Paul McLaughlin all added 1 hit. Fisher pitched seven innings and allowed four earned runs on eight hits, while recording six strikeouts.

Brantley Bulldogs sweep Kinston in wild 1A series

The Brantley Bulldogs survived a scare in a 12-11 game one extra inning win and then broke loose in game two to post a 20-5 win to complete a doubleheader homefield sweep over the Kinston Bulldogs, in the opening round of the 1A playoffs. The win moved Brantley into the second round with a 16-2 record, while Kinston saw its season end with an 11-7 record.

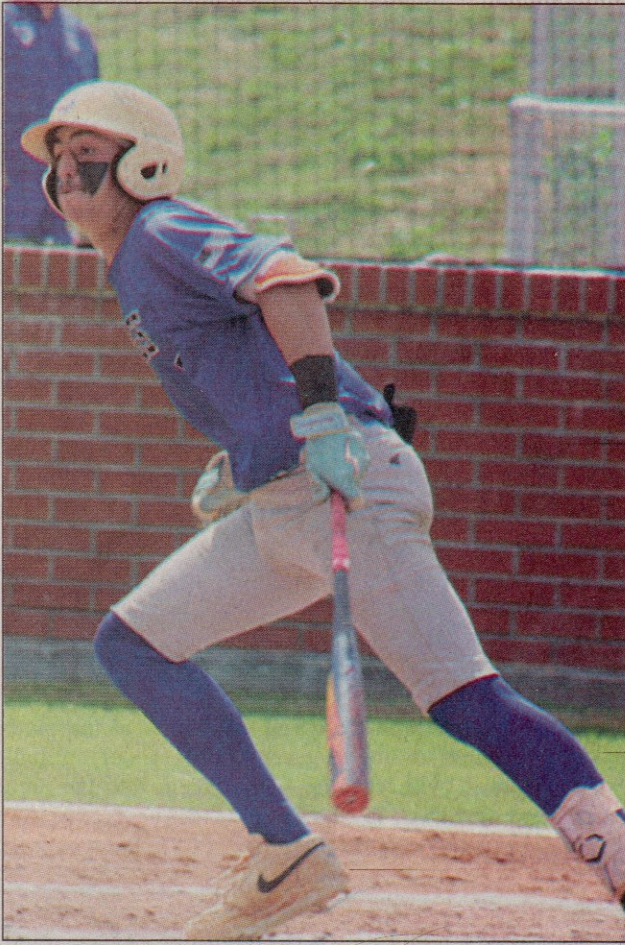
In game one, Brantley let a 9-1 fourth inning lead slip away and had to rally with two runs in the bottom of the eighth to battle past Kinston. A bases-loaded triple by Thomas Whitehurst in the second and a two-run triple by Reese Odom in the third put Brantley on top 6-1 early, and it looked like the hometown Bulldogs were headed for a big win after their lead ballooned to 9-1 in the fourth. However, Kinston battled back and scored six runs in the fifth, sparked by a two-run double by Marcus Free and rbi singles by JD Hart and Drew Branch, to pull within 9-7 and then pulled even at 10-10 in the sixth after a triple by Colby Tew. Kinston took the lead at 11-10 in the eighth when Easton Parker drew a walk and later scored on a Brantley error, but Brantley had the last bat and made it count when Cooper Layton ripped an rbi double to pull even at 11-11, and took advantage of a Kinston error and a walk-off single by Chaz Branum to pull off the exciting opening game win. Tyler Carter had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Chaz Branum added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Jayden Parks and Cooper Layton both added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kevin Freeman added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Four Brantley pitchers combined to throw eight innings and allowed seven earned runs on 10 hits and seven walks, while striking out 11. Marcus Free had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Colby Tew added 2 hits and 3 rbi's; Judd Green added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Drew Branch added 2 hits and 1 rbi. Three Kinston pitchers combined to toss seven and two-thirds innings and allowed nine earned runs on 12 hits and three walks, while striking out two.

In the wild 20-5 game two win, Brantley scored eight runs in the third inning to grab a 10-0 lead and never stopped circling the bases to complete the twin bill with a 20-5 win.

Brantley jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning and carried the lead into the third, when kit plated eight runs to take command. A leadoff triple by Cooper Layton ignited the third inning explosion, while an rbi triple by Tyler Carter and an rbi single by Chaz Branum were key hits as the Bulldogs combined five hits with four errors to break the game open. Kinston kept its comeback hopes alive in the bottom of the frame when it used four errors, two hit batters and one walk to pull within 10-4. A two-run triple by Jayden Parks sparked a 4-run rally in the fourth that extended Brantley's lead to 14-4, and the hometown Bulldogs never slowed down at the plate as they lit up the scoreboard to claim the 20-5 win.

Kevin Freeman had 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Jayden Parks added 3 hits, including a triple and a home-run, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; Chaz Branum added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Cooper Layton added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Jon Harper Kilcrease added 3 hits and 1 rbi. Four Bulldog pitchers combined to toss five innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits and three walks, while striking out five.

Jon Simmons had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Easton Parker added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Brant McCollough and Marcus Free both added 1 hit. Four Kinston pitchers combined to throw five innings and allowed eight earned runs on 17 hits and three walks



Kinston Bulldog batter watches one fly in recent baseball action. The Bulldogs were ousted in the 1A playoffs last week and finished the season with an 11-7 record. (Amanda Clark photo)

The Tournament Trail
Upcoming Stops...

Friday, April 25

(Baseball)
Brantley at University
Charter
Game 1 – 3:30, Game 2 – 5:30

(Softball)
4A, Area 4 Tourney, in Opp
1:00 – Opp vs. New
Brockton
3:00 – Pike County vs.
Straughn
5:00 – TBD

Saturday, April 26
(Baseball)
Brantley at University
Charter
Game 3 – 11:00 If needed

Monday, April 27
(Softball)
1A, Area 3 Tourney, in
Brantley
9:00 – Elba vs. Georgiana
10:30 – Red Level vs.
McKenzie
12:00 – Brantley vs. Elba/
Georgiana winner
Remaining games: 1:30,

3:00, 4:30, 6:00
4A, Area 4 Tourney, in
Opp
Game Times: 1:00, 3:00,
5:00, 7:00
1A, Area 2 Tourney in
Kinston
11:00 – Florala vs Pleasant
Home
1:00 – Kinston vs Florala/
Pleasant Home Winner
2A, Area 4 Tourney, in
Troy
12:00 – Goshen vs. Pike
Lib
2:00 – Luverne vs. Zion
Chapel
4:00 – TBD
Tuesday, April 29
1A, Area 2 Tourney, in
Kinston
Game Times: 2:00, 4:00,
6:00
2A, Area 4 Tourney, in
Troy
Game Times: 3:00, 5:00,
7:00



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